(c) whether Government propose to consider making its TV channels as 'pay channels' to generate additional revenue and also at the same time giving the viewers the option to stay out if not interested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that both AIR and DD have always had fiscal deficit, even before they became part of Prasar Bharati. Moreover, during last few years growth in advertising revenue in the country has been very tardy.

(b) Prasar Bharati has informed that such a proposal is under consideration of Prasar Bharati Board.

(c) The Government does not have any TV Channels Prasar Bharati, a Statutory Autonomous Corporation, has informed that there is no such proposal.

Programmes on Doordarshan

†4591. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPATRAI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the programmes are purchased from private sector institutions or got prepared for telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the number of programmes got prepared and purchased separately during the years 1998-99 to 2002-03, year-wise; and

(c) the names of the institutions from which these programmes were got prepared or purchased together with the amount spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modernisation of the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India

4592. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount allocated in the Tenth Plan for modernising the said organisation?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. With a view to ensure efficiency and transparency in the functioning of RNI, and to streamline the process of title verification, registration of newspapers and issue of Eligibility Certificates for import of Newsprint, a new Plan scheme "Modernisation of RNT" has been formulated in Tenth Plan with an approved outlay of Rs. 272.00 lakhs. The scheme is awaiting in-principle approval of the Planning Commission.

Recommendations of NCRWC on privileges and rights of SCs/STs

4593. SHRI KB. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission for Review of the Working of Indian Constitution has formally submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the report;

(c) whether the Commission has made any significant recommendations in relation to securing the privileges and rights of SCs/STs in the wake of many judicial pronouncements tantamount to negation of such rights and privileges in terms of educational and employment reservations to SC/ST communities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) Yes, Sir. The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (NCRWC) has submitted its report to the Government on 31st March, 2002.

(b) The full text of the report of the Commission has been put on the Internet and the report has also been forwarded to all Ministries/Departments for examining and processing the same. Action on the recommendations lies with the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, which are administratively concerned with the subject matter of the recommendations.

(c) and (d) As regards judicial pronouncements to secure the rights and privileges of SCs and STs, the Commission has made the following recommendation:

"The three Constitution amendments enacted in the last two years to undo the harm done in 1997 to the long pre-existing rights of SCs and STs in reservations should be put into effect forthwith. The Central and State Governments should amend the executive orders issued in 1997 regarding the